Amendments to the Claims

1.   (Previously presented) In an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, a method of providing local data persistence for said client application, said method being performed by said client application and comprising the steps of:

receiving user data from said user;

receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and

in response to receiving said save command, dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents, said new hypertext document containing a script function that becomes active when said new hypertext document is loaded to perform a desired restoration function.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said client application receives said first hypertext document from a server application.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said hypertext documents are HTML documents.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising the further step of:

receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and

in response to receiving said restore command, repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.

6.   (Previously presented) In an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, apparatus for providing local data persistence for said client application, said apparatus being associated with said client application and comprising:

 means for receiving user data from said user;

 means for receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and

 means responsive to receiving said save command for dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents, said new hypertext document containing a script function that becomes active when said new hypertext document is loaded to perform a desired restoration function.

7.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.

8.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

 means for receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and

 means responsive to receiving said restore command for repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.

9.   (Previously presented) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for providing local data persistence for a client application in an information handling system in which a client application displays a first hypertext document to a user for entry of user data, said client application having a function for locally saving displayed documents, said method steps comprising:

 receiving user data from said user;

 receiving a save command from said user to save said user data; and

in response to receiving said save command, dynamically creating a new hypertext document containing said user data and displaying a message prompting the user to save the new document using said function for locally saving displayed documents, said new hypertext document containing a script function that becomes active when said new hypertext document is loaded to perform a desired restoration function.

10.   (Original) The program storage device of claim 9 in which said message is created as a part of said new hypertext document.

11.   (Original) The program storage device of claim 9, comprising the further step of:
        receiving a restore command from said user to restore previously saved user data; and
        in response to receiving said restore command, repopulating said first document with said previously saved user data.

12.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said script function is a JavaScript function.

13.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 in which said script function becomes active when loaded to repopulate the first hypertext document with said user data.

14.   (New) The apparatus of claim 6 in which said script function is a JavaScript function.

15.   (New) The apparatus of claim 6 in which said script function becomes active when loaded to repopulate the first hypertext document with said user data.

16.   (New) The program storage device of claim 9 in which said script function is a JavaScript function.

17.   (New) The program storage device of claim 9 in which said script function becomes active when loaded to repopulate the first hypertext document with said user data.